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Today, Friday, March 27, 1964, I met at CIA headquarters with Mr. Rocca to review the CIA file on Lee Earwey Oswald. The file contains those materials furnished to us previously by CIA. In addition, it contains the following materials:

a. Cable reports from the CIA station in Mexico of Movember 22 and 23, 1963 relating to photographs of a person who had visited the Cuban and Soviet Embassics in Mexico City during October and Movember 1963; and reports on these cables furnished on Movember 23 by CIA to the Sceret Service. These messages are accurately paraphrased in the attachments to the CIA memorandum of March 24, 1964 (Commission Document #674).

b. Cable of October 10 from CIA Mexico City station to CIA headquarters reporting on Oswald contact at Soviet Embassy, and October 10, 1963 message from CIA headquarters to Mexico City station of background information on Oswald. Those messages are accurately reported in the CIA memorandum of January 31, 1964.

I did not review any materials later than November 23, 1963.

Mr. Rocca also showed me the "printout" of the references to Oswald documents in the CIA electronic data storage system. There was no item listed which we have not been given either in full text or paraphrased.

When I evidenced an interest in the CIA electronic data processing system, Mr. Rocca said that he would arrange a detailed explanation at a future visit.

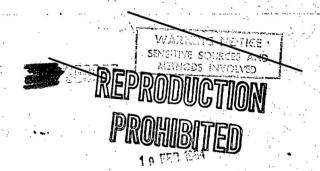
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Runhin

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Information Developed by CIA on the Activity of Lee Harvey OFWALD in Mexico City, September 28 to October 3, 1963

I. This refers to pure letter of Joseph 10, 1964 relating to information of the period Agency regarding the activity of Lee Halvey Couldn't be period September 23 to October 3, 1703.

2. The second paragraph of your letter raises a question with regard to reports on current aspects of investigation in Mexico, or concarning Mexican leads in the CSWALD case. Specifically, that paragraph seems to refer to speculative information provided the White House by Jose L LASAGA which originated with Salvador DIAZ VERSON. GIA has nothing to add to the detalled investigation of this matter conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We assume that the Commission is already in possession, or that investigation.

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to report the details to the Commission conqueredly with wi ever is made available to the Commission between the C

- 4. The following replies are keyed to the numeration of your letter of February 10:
 - We are not in a position to supply copies of talograms sent between the Soviet Embassies in Washington and Mexico City.
 - Translations of the two police interregation reports of Silvia DURAN are being forwarded to the Commission under separate cover.
 - 3. From all the evidence on hand, we deduce that CSWALD visited the Cuban Consulate in Mexico City on the afternoon of 27 September 1763 and again some time on 23 September Difference is no evidence that he visited it made that the property of pages four and in paragraph of a consulation of Silvia DURAN and five, is besser of the manufacture of Silvia DURAN and means that OSWALD was at the Consulate at least once after his initial visit, and that this later visit was on the afternoon of a day on which the Cuban Consulatelephoned the Seviet Consulate about OSWALD's visa problem. This may well have been 28 September, but we cannot be certain of this conclusion.
 - 4. We do not know whether Cuban Consulate archives contained information on CSWALD ante-dating his September-October 1963 visit. From the statements of Silvia DURAN, one could conclude that she had never heard of CSWALD until he visited the Consulate in late September 1963. The file on CSWALD which Silvia DURAN mentions is the one she opened on him at that time and which she located an again when CSWALD's name was published at the president to measure of President Konnedy.

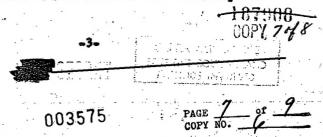
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- 5. We do not think it would be unusual by stibule DURAN to tell CSWALD he could not have a transit view unless he first got a Soviet view. Such if rank statements are quite common in consular practice, as far as we know.
- 6. We believe that Silvin DURAN's statement that OSWALD know no one in Cuba meant literally that, and this would mean that no one there could sponsor him, wouch for him, or insure that he would not become a public charge. On the other hand, the remark of the Soviet afficial would seem to imply that the Soviets had no previous record of OSWALD, at least in Mexico, if indeed the Soviet official was telling the truth.
- 7. We believe that CSWALD both telephoned to the Soviet Embassy or Consulate, and was interviewed by officials thereon
- 8. We cannot a superstant ALD meant by his allusions to his address. He went to Mexico while he was moving the collisions and Criegas to Texas, and he may have amounted the process of the process which he gave first to the Cahan Consulate, then mished or forgot, and finally recovered from Cuhan Consulate files so he could pass it to the Soviet Consulate. It could also be that he was talking about his Mexico City hotel address which he might have momentarily forgotten while at the Soviet Consulate.
- 9. The Cuban Consulate and Cuban Embassy in Mexico City are separate offices located in separate buildings that stand on adjacent Dip Description of Cuban official parking lot. The Cuban official parking lot. The Cuban is at 160 Marques and Zamora Streets and the Consulate are both located in a large connected outbuildings.
- 10. We curmise that the references in OSWALD's 9 November letter to a man who had since been replaced





must refer to Cuban Consul Eusebie AZCUE, Mexico for Cuba on permanent transfer on 18 November 1963, four days before the assassination. AZCUE had been in Mexico for eighteen years and it was known to us as early as September 1963 that AZCUE was to be replaced. His replacement did arrive in September. AZCUE was scheduled to leave in October but did not leave until 13 November.

We do not know who might have told OSWALD that AZCUE or any other Cuban had been or was to be replaced, but we speculate that Silvia DURAN or some Soviet official might have mentioned it if CSWALD complained about

information on OSWALD's activities in liquica City. This part of the investigation was headlest in the fractal Bureau of investigation through its own racilities. All of our sources have been This part of the investigation queried for further information but none has been developed. Neither pro- nor enti-CASTRO persons or groups have produced what we regard as hard information.

i2. We can only guess why Sibria DURAN described OSWALD as a blonde. Perhaps his complexion seemed light to her, compared with that of most Latin Americans. When she was arrested, she had not seen CSWALD for about two mouths, but apparently a blonde in her Consular records.

Richard Helms Deputy Director for Plans

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